

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN
MILWAUKEE DIVISION**

SCOTT STEELE,

Plaintiff,

v.

SCRIPPS MEDIA, INC.

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:19-cv-01879

JUDGE LYNN ADELMAN

REPLY TO RESPONSE TO MOTION FILED BY PLAINTIFFS

The Parties jointly agreed to expedited mediation with the expectation that the Defendant's time to Respond to the Complaint would be extended until after the mediation. Defendant seeks to avoid the expense associated with a responsive pleading in the expectation that the case will be resolved at mediation.

Defendant agreed to seek early mediation dates from the two Magistrate Judge's the Plaintiffs' counsel preferred for the mediation (Magistrate Judge William E. Callahan and Magistrate Judge Aaron E. Goodstein). When neither of the two Magistrate Judges were available to mediate until April, the Parties agreed to mediation with Magistrate Judge Patricia Gorence, the next available Magistrate Judge. Then, after Plaintiff's counsel agreed to mediate with Magistrate Judge Patricia Gorence, Plaintiff's counsel asked Defendant to agree to mediate before Judge Adelman. Defendant agreed. Due to scheduling availability, the Parties and the Court have settled upon March 23, 2020 for the mediation, even though the Parties intended for the mediation to occur prior to the Answer date.

The Response's accusations are inaccurate. It is accurate that requiring Defendant to incur fees for responding to the Complaint prior to mediation would make the case less likely to resolve from Defendant's perspective and frustrate the purposes of Defendant agreeing to expedited early mediation. For this reason, Defendant respectfully requests that the Court grant the Motion to Extend the Response date until April 10, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Reply was filed with the Court via the CM/ECF system on March 4, 2020, which will send notice to Counsel for Plaintiff:

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